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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS

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SUBJECT: 1978 COUNTRY REPORTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES

REF: STATE 207310

1. EA COUNTRY DIRECTORATES ARE PREPARING THE FIRST DRAFTS OF THE 1978 COUNTRY HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS. THESE DRAFTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE POSTS BY SEPTEMBER 8. GIVEN THE FIRST DRAFT COMPLETION DEADLINE OF SEPTEMBER 15 POSTS WILL BE REQUESTED TO REVIEW THE DRAFTS AND PROVIDE THE DESKS WITH COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON A PRIORITY BASIS. POSTS WILL, HOWEVER, HAVE A SECOND CHANCE TO REVIEW THE REPORTS IN LATE NOVEMBER.

2. THE FORMAT FOR THESE UNCLASSIFIED REPORTS REMAINS THE SAME AS FOR LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, WITHIN THIS FRAME-WORK, HA HAS REQUESTED THAT INCREASED FOCUS BE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
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A. QUANTIFICATION TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE OF THE GOVERN-MENTS' ACTUAL COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LOT OF THE POOR.

B. ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENT-TOLERATED OR GOVERNMENT-DIRECTED PRACTICES WHICH HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON ECONOMIC

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HUMAN RIGHTS (E.G. REGRESSIVE TAX SYSTEMS, THE EXTENT AND EFFECTS OF CORRUPTION, WAGE POLICIES).

C. SPECIFICITY WITH REGARD TO, INTER ALIA, STATUS OF WOMEN, LABOR RIGHTS, DISCRIMINATION ARISING FROM ETHNIC, COMMUNAL, RACIAL OR CASTE FACTORS.

D. RELEVANT LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS, WITH ATTENTION, WHERE APPROPRIATE, TO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LAW AND PRACTICE.

E. EXISTENCE OR LACK OF EFFECTIVE INSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS AGAINST REGRESSIVE PRACTICES.

F. APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY OR ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES TAKEN TO CORRECT UNSANCTIONED ABUSES OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN PRISONS AND ELSEWHERE. UNLESS CORRECTIVE MEASURES ARE SYSTEMATICALLY APPLIED ASSERTIONS THAT GOVERNMENTS DO NOT CONDONE BRUTAL PRACTICES ARE TO BE AVOIDED.

G. EDITORIAL AND INTERPRETIVE COMMENTS SHOULD BE AVOIDED, E.G. "RELATIVE TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION...."

H. CITATIONS OF DATA AND VIEWS FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE ACCURATE AND SUBSTANTIVELY COMPLETE, AND REFERENCE TO NGOS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT VERIFIED WHERE POSSIBLE.
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3. ANY ADVANCE REPORTING, SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS WHICH POSTS WISH INCLUDED IN THE INITIAL DRAFTING PROCESS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE DESKS ASAP. WE WOULD PARTICULARLY WELCOME REPORTING ON THE NEW FACTORS LISTED ABOVE. CHRISTOPHER

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